last five years, 9 roads aggregating for a length of about 540 km. have been declared as National Highways in Assam.

(b) Rs. 18.79 crores have been spent for the improvement of these National Highways.

(c) At present there is a ban on declaration of any new National Highway in the country including in the State of Assam. As and when the ban is lifted, the declaration of new National Highways will be considered keeping in view the criteria laid down for the purpose.

Renaming of Yanam-Yedurulanka bridge in Andhra Pradesh

2347. SHRI RAIVIA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY:
SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Andhra Pradesh Government has requested to rename Yanam-Yedurulanka bridge in the east Godavari District as Balayogi Vaaradhi in the name of late Speaker Shri Balayogi;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken by hrs Ministry in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (MAJOR GENERAL (RETD.) B.C. KHANDURl]:{a)Yes, Sir.

(b) The Government of Andhra Pradesh has requested the Ministry of convey the approval of Government of India for naming the Yanam-Yedurulanka bridge on National Highway No. 214 in East Godavari district of Andhra Pradesh as "Balayogi Vaaradhi" in the memory of late Shri G.M.C. Balayogi.

(c) Ministry informed Government of Andhra Pradesh about the extant policy of the Ministry in this regard.

Exemption limit for SSI sector

2348. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO: Will the Minister of SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Finance Ministry has agreed to restore the exemption limit on Rs. 1 lakh to small scale sector;